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KARI KOLTS | TOWER YEARBOOK

Graduate Sarah Pantry accepts her diploma while walking across the stage at last spring's commencement ceremony.

Cost of college not paying off for some

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The importance of a college degree is evident in today's economy, but in a business world that has become very competitive, are college degrees paying off?

Of course, having a degree does not guarantee that graduates will get the job they want right off the bat, degrees and advanced degrees have proven their worth in today's economy. According to data provided by the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University, the earnings students make reflect the classes they take.

Looking at the initial median earnings for recent college graduates, for those who finished a four-year degree program, and who are full-time workers, the arts continue to have some of the worst pay-offs. Theater ranked as the worst payoff, with initial earnings at \$26,000 a year and an unemployment rate of 7.8 percent. Fine art majors ranked fourth with \$30,000 and the highest unemployment rate at 12.6 percent.

Nicole Korpela, a Northwest senior majoring in theater, said she knew going in that theater was not the best industry.

"It is a risk I am willing to take because happiness is more important to me," Korpela said. "I am going into children's theater and pursuing a teaching artist job as well as, hopefully, owning a dance studio

someday. I already have a future job lined up for when I graduate in May."

Derrick West, a recent graduate from the Northwest theater department, said he works in a business that is constantly evolving and asking new things of him, and he has made himself a very versatile person in terms of what areas of this business he can work in.

"I chose theater because I love what I do. I definitely did not go into theater thinking I would get rich," West said. "I have plenty of experiences and connections under my belt that allow me to be assured that I will always have a job. I go where the work is, and I can honestly say I have never had more fun."

While psychology continues to be a highly studied major, it and other liberal arts, such as philosophy and anthropology, suffer. The earnings for recent graduates in anthropology average around \$28,000 with a high unemployment rate of 10.5 percent. With a barely higher income, philosophy and religious studies make \$30,000 but face the same unemployment rate. Psychology graduates earn about the same as philosophy graduates but suffer a lower unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

Carla Edwards, licensed psychologist and chair of the department of behavioral sciences, said earnings for psychology graduates are still strong, especially considering employability.

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Maryville uses texting alert system to help keep citizens informed

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Maryville residents can get community updates more conveniently thanks to a new system.

Northwest Cell has been offering college students and Maryville residents the ability to receive emergency alerts as well as weather notifications from the National Weather Service through the Textcaster system. The Maryville city government has been on board with this system for six months now.

"(The alerts will) increase communication for the community to get information out quickly," City Manager Greg McDanel said. "We want to be able to get mass alerts out to the community."

Public Safety and the sheriff's department use the Textcaster system to notify the community about emergency alerts in Maryville. People registered with the system can receive emergency alerts, weather alerts and also community events occurring in Maryville.

"For us, we use it as another warning method and for the public to have the ability to be aware," said Keith Wood, Maryville public safety director. "We looked at it as another method to warn people of emergencies in the community."

There is no charge to the city or any immediate charges to Northwest Cell subscribers. Those with different carriers have a minor fee if they receive the text alerts from Northwest Cell.

People who want to sign up for this service can go to www.maryville.org/alerts to receive text or email messages directly to mobile phones.



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Seventh grader Sabrina Olson took first in state after competing in the Mathletics 48-hour challenge.

Students show off math skills at state competition

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The seventh-grade class at St. Gregory's Catholic School showed off its math skills against schools across the nation in a two-day challenge.

At St. Gregory's, students are excited about math year-round. Using the online math-learning platform, "Mathletics," students compete with each other and with students from countries all around the world, such as Singapore, Finland and South Africa.

For the fourth year in a row, they competed in the American

Math Challenge, a competition hosted by Mathletics.

"The challenge was open 48 hours around the clock," technology teacher Cheryl Cornell said. "This year we decided to open our lab for extended periods so kids could compete. They could even compete at home. We opened the lab for kids who didn't have that option or wanted the social aspect."

On Oct. 16 and 17, students grades first through eighth used their math skills to prove they were the best in Missouri. For

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Former Northwest teacher remembered

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Faculty and students reflect on the life of a former Northwest professor who died Oct. 23.

Denise Weiss, 66, died at St. Luke's Hospital in Lee's Summit. She was a mathematics professor at Northwest for 22 years and retired from the University this past summer.

"We taught in the same department for 11 of those years, and for 10 of those years, her office has been right across the hall," said Mary Shepherd, associate professor of mathematics. "She was very student centered; she loved her students and was very passionate about them."

Along with her passion for students, Weiss played a part among the faculty, volunteering to take advising duty during freshman events.

"She was the friendly, up-in-your-face type. If she was asked to do something, she would always do it. All my interactions with her were always good," Shepard said.

Weiss was a fan of the Northwest football team and attended all the home football games possible. Her love of the team extended into her home where she fixed dinner for the team almost every week, said Shepard.

"She was my fundamentals of mathematics teacher," sopho-

"She was one of the most personally invested professors I have ever had, and she genuinely cared..."

Kaela Fritts

more Kaela Fritts said. "She was a great teacher, and I learned a lot. She turned out not to only to be a professor but like a mom or a grandma and a friend or counselor when you needed her to be. She was just all-around wonderful"

Students were a priority for Weiss who took time to answer questions not only about math, but also about students' lives. She loved talking to all students even if she never had them in class, said Shepherd.

"She was one of the most personally invested professors I have ever had, and she genuinely cared not only how you did in her class, but how your life was going and how you were doing overall," Fritts said. "It made me want to go to class, and it made me want to excel not only in her class but in general,

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University, community collaborate on Fourth Street renovation project

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Northwest and the city of Maryville are pairing up for a reconstruction project.

The collaboration will improve the corridor along West Fourth Street, from Main Street to the University entrance.

"The city and the University got together in a few conversations

on just community betterment," City Manager Greg McDanel said. "It just came to life that we both wanted to focus on the Fourth Street corridor and the gateway into the University.

"I think it has benefits not only for the city and the University, but the community in general."

University President John Jasinski offered his support to the project as well.

"Northwest is pleased to partner with the city of Maryville on this project," Jasinski said in a press release. "This is an exciting time for our University and the city.

"The Maryville community has shown Northwest, our students, employees and alumni tremendous support through the years. We are confident the Fourth Street corridor project, along with other

planned community improvements, will couple nicely with our beautiful campus."

Northwest and the city agreed to split the engineering and design costs of the project. Both sides are searching for potential grants and other construction funding to help with the redesign of the area.

"Realistically, we're probably

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Fraternity gets pried for Down’s syndrome



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Lauren Trump pies freshman Jacob McCleren in the face to support Sigma Phi Epsilon’s Up and Downs for Down’s Syndrome event.

Students continue Army project

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Northwest students and faculty traveled to Fort Leavenworth last week for a presentation for Command and General Staff College students on the Mission Command Battle Lab project.

The purpose of the project is to determine the effectiveness of using cutting-edge, multi-touch technology to enhance the Army’s preparation and analysis of war gaming. Students and faculty have been working on the project with the Army since 2010.

David Monismith, associate professor in the mathematics and computer science department, began overseeing the project in August.

At the Oct. 24 presentation,

students from CGSC got to try out and provide feedback on the application. Monismith said feedback was mostly positive, and now the students are looking for ways to improve functionality.

“The real goal of the project is not just to create the application but to create an application that has features that the officers can use, and they can learn how to use quickly,” Monismith said.

Moving forward, the students are looking to add new features such as a “timeline,” which will allow users to step back and replay previous actions.

Monismith describes the technology as looking like a “coffee table but with an LCD TV screen built into it.” Since last spring the group has been working on moving the project to a newer version of Microsoft’s

touch-table technology.

“Basically what the group has been doing is trying to reimplement what was done on the older device on the new one because the application programmer interface is different on both of those devices. So all the code had to be rewritten for it to work on the new technology,” Monismith said.

Northwest is acting as a contractor to the Army and providing personnel to build the interface. The project is using lab space in the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Four Northwest undergraduate students are employed to work on the project.

The contract between Northwest and the Army ends in November, but Monismith says they are looking to extend the contract.

Local officer appointed to state board

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A member of Northwest Missouri State University’s Police Department has been appointed to the state subcommittee for homeland security.

Lt. Mike Ceperley joined the Maryville Public Safety Department in 1988 after completing basic law enforcement training in Jefferson City. Ceperley joined the University Police Department in 2006 and served as a shooter response and field training instructor.

He has recently been appointed the University’s emergency management coordinator as a part of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Missouri Homeland Security.

In 2007, in response to the unfortunate shooting at Virginia Tech that killed 32 people and wounded 17 others, the Higher Education subcommittee was established.

The HES-HSAC serves as a formal venue for continued conversations, collection of relevant and current data, and identifica-



tion of best practices surrounding preparation, response and recovery for all campus emergencies.

Bill Thornton, general council member of Missouri Higher Education, said the council’s mission is to ensure the safety and health of students, faculty and staff on campus and that he was impressed by Ceperley.

“He has an impressive history in security for the campus,” Thornton said. “He is open to new and innovative ways to make campuses as safe as possible.”

Ceperley said that while his priorities have not changed much in the way of working to provide

a safe and secure learning environment for those who attend this institution, they have grown in the way he approaches those areas.

“It is my job now to address these areas on an institutional level - identifying potential hazards, creating plans, implementing trainings and coordinating response efforts for all types of hazards,” Ceperley said. “My previous time was spent on preparing and training University police officers for the way they can respond and handle different situations”

In relation to his appointment to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisory Council, Ceperley thinks it is quite an honor considering the appointment comes at the recommendation of peers.

“These are the folks you work with on a daily basis. They are leaders, not only across our campus, but throughout the higher education world,” Ceperley said. “To have their support and recommendations, I feel very blessed.”

University readies for new fundraising strategies, plan

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Northwest is gearing up to begin a comprehensive campaign to create a better future.

“Right now at a public institution like ours, it’s an opportunity for private gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations to elevate funding initiatives,” said Mike Johnson, vice president of university advancement.

The Northwest Foundation is developing a campaign for donors that is still in the “quiet phase.” This campaign will consist of three pillars. These pillars are student support pieces, such as scholarships, academic programs or faculty support pieces and the learning environments or campus infrastructure projects.

Johnson explained that the goals of these pillars are to discover what aspects of the campaign should be developed so that they are appealing to donors.

“Scholarships seem to be something that really seems to resonate in the hearts and minds of others,”

Johnson said. “The academic excellence is where people feel their quality of life would not have been the same without the opportunity for a particular program or even a faculty member. A faculty support piece could be saying ‘thank you for my education.”

This campaign will not be launched for several years, but it is now undergoing the process of a readiness assessment.

“We’re looking at what it takes to provide a comprehensive campaign for others to invest in,” Johnson said.

The University has hired a general campaign council in Chicago, Gonser Gerber, to help build and test a campaign case. It has been several years since a comprehensive campaign has been launched, and Northwest is thoroughly constructing this one.

“We’ve completed some special projects in the past with private gifts,” Johnson said. “As far as an overarching comprehensive campaign, though, we completed one at our centennial year. It’s been a few years since we’ve been back into a campaign.”

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Working with Students with Autism in Schools
8:30 a.m. at Cameron City Hall

Golden Years Society Reunion
9 a.m. at the Alumni House

Leadership Academy Regional Meeting
9 a.m. at SJSJ Maintenance Building

Teacher Academy Meeting
9 a.m. at the Station

Board of Regents Meeting
11:30 a.m. at JW Jones Student Union

Annual Alumni Tennis Match/ Fundraiser
12 p.m. at Frank Grube Tennis Courts

International Flag-Raising Ceremony
2 p.m. at International Plaza

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Student Senate Walk-out Day Festival
6 p.m. at Colden Pond

Homecoming: Variety Show
7 p.m. at PAC

Saturday, November 3

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Miss Black and Gold Pageant

Cross Country at Central Region Championships
Joplin, Mo.

Homecoming Alumni Welcome
8 a.m. at Alumni House

Homecoming: Parade
9 a.m. at Campus & Fourth Street

Hy-Vee Bearcat Zone

12 p.m. at College Park Pavilion

Phi Beta Lambda Fall Festival
12 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium

Bearcat Football vs. Emporia State
2:30 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium

Bearcat Volleyball at Nebraska Kearney
4 p.m. at Kearney, Neb.

Women’s Basketball vs. Peru State
6 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends

Homecoming Awards Ceremony
11 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center

Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center

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7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center

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Soil erosion is appearing on the banks of Mozingo Lake near boat ramps. The erosion is being prevented by using broken stone to help keep the soil in place.

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Mozingo fights soil erosion around lake

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Mozingo Lake has taken action to prevent further soil erosion around the banks of the lake.

The soil erosion around Mozingo Lake is caused by strong winds that come in from the north and south. This causes waves in the lake to beat against the soil banks. Boating activity on the lake could also be a contributing factor of soil erosion, said Mozingo Lake Manager Grant Evans.

Evans and Tory Mason, Missouri Department of Conservation fisheries biologist, have been trying to control the erosion through multiple techniques.

“One of the best ways to control the erosion is to use riprap, which is just broken stone that is placed on there and holds the soil and will

withstand the wind erosion and especially the water pounding on it,” Evans said. “Riprap is very expensive to buy and especially to truck in.”

Along with riprap placed along the banks and the main boat dock, woody vegetation cleared from grasslands will help prevent further erosion. The woody vegetation, consisting mainly of locus and hedge trees, will then be placed along the edge of the lake, serving the same purpose as a wind break, Evans said.

“It is important to address the strategic locations for soil erosion in the park. It helps with water quality and keeps costs down in terms of processing the water and just really the overall health and sustainability of the lake,” Ryan Heiland, assistant city manager, said.

City provides new mapping resources

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A new web-based mapping system in Maryville provides a faster and more efficient way for city staff to access important information to aid in community improvement.

Midland Geographic Information Systems Solutions, with headquarters here in Maryville, created a way for the city to collect data and map utilities. With the release of the Integrity GIS, city staff can take current mapping abilities and use them through an online program.

Midland GIS Director Christina James said the system increases communication by allowing workers to access information without having to come see her.

“It’s at their fingertips,” James said. “Whenever people have the data and information right there in front of them, they can see where problem areas are and where they need to work.”

City Manager Greg McDanel said they would like to one day be able to release the system to the public for online use. McDanel said citizens will be able to find information easily on their own, such as square footage of property, zoning, and the location of utilities in their neighborhood.

“Citizens won’t have to call City Hall or go get a map just to get information,” McDanel said.

McDanel said the release to the public could happen within the next year.

“Right now, we are working out some licensing issues and things with the county,” McDanel said.

The online system created a \$4,000 expense with an addition \$400 monthly web hosting bill. James said the return will exceed the investment.

City Council approves plans for one-way street

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The city of Maryville decided to take a new direction with traffic issues on Third Street.

In a City Council meeting Oct. 22, a common traffic problem was addressed. The Council approved a plan to change a portion of West Third Street to one-way to create a safer driving experience.

The city received many concerns from residents along the street regarding parking restrictions, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

“Third Street from Dunn to Munn will become a one-way heading west,” City Manager Greg McDanel said. “The reason behind that is that a majority of the residents who live on Third have approached the city with safety concerns because it is relatively narrow there.”

Since it is only a block away from campus, it is common for cars to be parked on Third Street.

This creates a dangerous narrowing of the road.

“A road is typically between 20 and 24 feet, and when University students are parked along the north end, facing west, it narrows the area to 12 or 13 feet,” McDanel said.

This narrowing does not allow cars to safely pass each other in both directions. The goal behind this change is to make traveling on Third Street safer for everyone involved.

Though this has been approved by City Council, it will not become effective until city staff puts up the appropriate signage. The street will continue to be two-way for at least another two weeks before further measures are taken.

Signage for the change will cost the city approximately \$500 for completion.

“We will just need to post the appropriate signage and try to educate the public that it has been changed,” McDanel said. “It’s really the first one-way street segment



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

The section of Third Street between Munn Avenue and Dunn Avenue is going to become a one-way street due to how narrow the road is.

in town besides the small block in front of the elementary school. This will be the first actual one-way street.”

Drivers are encouraged to pay careful attention to the signs

in order to not miss the change. These changes will only be implemented in the two-block section from Dunn Street to Munn Street and will not affect the rest of Third Street.

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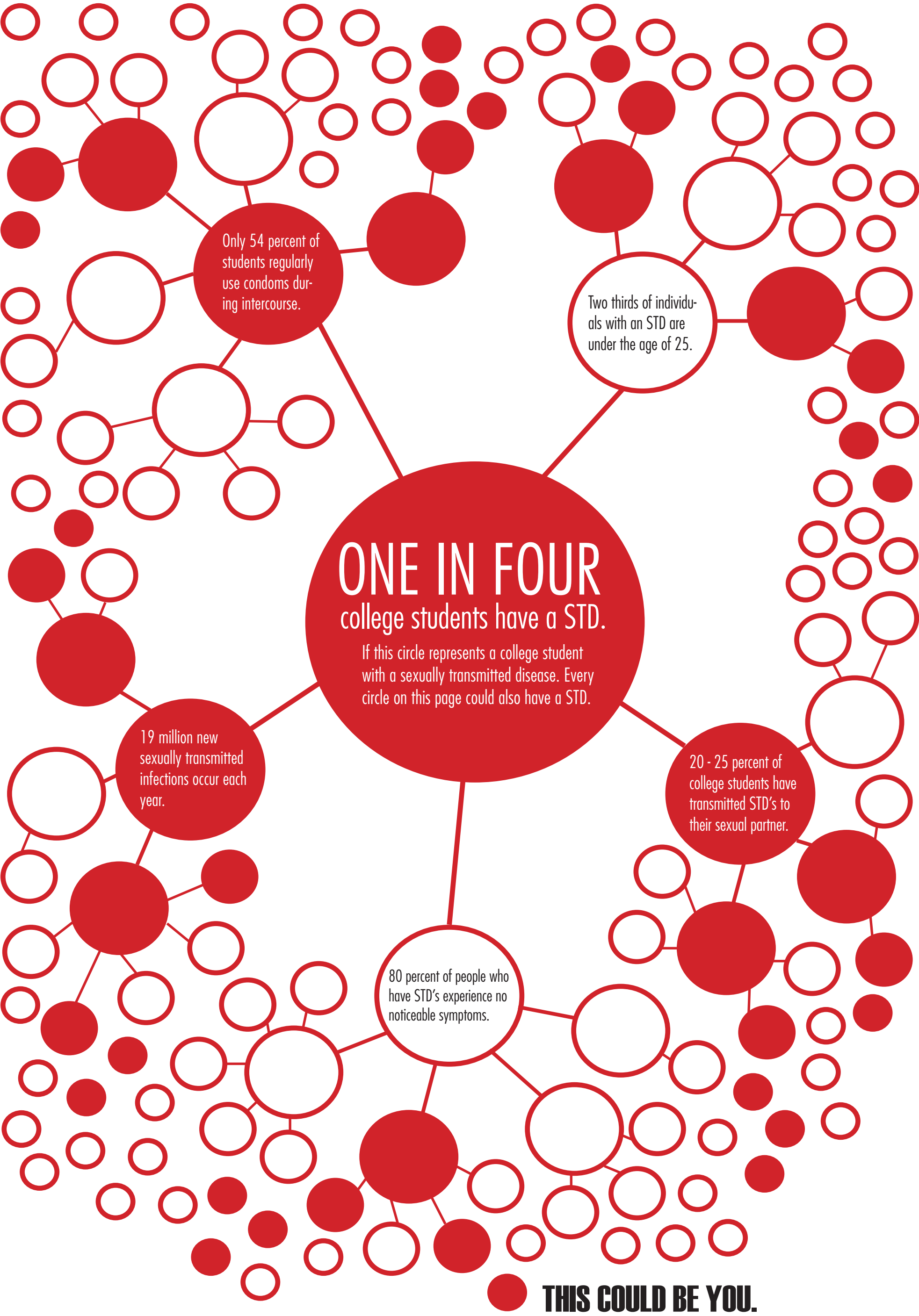
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STDs still an issue on campus

HIV infected student gives details on how to cope and move forward after diagnosis

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Infectious, dangerous and deadly, HIV is a plague that crosses college campuses nationwide. Sexually transmitted diseases, such as HIV, exist at Northwest, yet students still partake in unprotected sex, endangering themselves and their sexual partner. According to research conducted by Health Services of the University of New Hampshire, 20-25 percent of all college students are infected with an STD. The research also stated that approximately 9 million people under the age of 25 are diagnosed with an STD each year. Senior Christian Grady was diagnosed with HIV in spring 2008 and has learned to cope with his mistake and whom he has become. Grady was already battling bipolar

disorder and dealing with the social anxiety of being a young, gay male when he heard the news. "For a long time I hibernated," Grady said. "I dealt with depression, and it was hard." Grady had to battle his mental angst and continue to live his life as best he could. "Certain people are afraid and scared; they act like I have the plague," Grady said. "That reflects who they are as a person." Judy Frueh, clinic supervisor at University Wellness Services, knows there are students like Grady on our campus and wishes they would take the precautions to prevent the spreading of such diseases. "You are going to see these cases at all campuses in all areas," Frueh said. "We have to make these students feel comfortable and give

them the help they truly need." Grady has not let his diagnosis prevent further sexual progress. He openly admits to being sexually active with 22 partners since being diagnosed. "I've been shown that I can still have a relationship," Grady said. "Since I started making it public and putting it out there, people will still approach me and are comfortable with it. That's helped me cope a lot, knowing I can still be with someone."

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Christian Grady

Grady's perception on life changed drastically after his battle began. He now accepts what has happened and treats every day with care. "Death does not frighten me," Grady said. "I feel like I've lived a complete life. You really never know if tomorrow is going to come." Frueh is an advocate of students seeking all means of help possible. According to a study by nursing-

schools.net, only 54 percent of college students use protection during sexual intercourse. "We all make mistakes," Frueh said. "Our goal is to educate, treat and prevent." Above all, Grady wants people to understand that he is still a person, not just a disease. "Behind every cliché you'll find something more complex," Grady said. "There's a large stigma with people that are positive and being open about it. You are still a regular human being. You can still protect yourself. There's a risk, but if you really like somebody, then they are worth protecting yourself for." In hindsight, Grady also understands the importance of getting tested. "Just because you're young and had very few sexual partners, you should still get tested," Grady said.

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“For many people, happiness and helping others is much more important than an extra bit of money, especially when they have a higher chance of being employed,” Edwards said. “The difference in income has always been there, even in the best of economies.”

In a society where majors that require more technical skills are offering more venues, it appears “it has become about how much math you do,” said Anthony P. Carnevale, director of Georgetown’s CEW.

Engineering majors and computer science majors rank among the best, comprising one-third of the most valuable majors, with initial incomes hitting between the \$45,000 and \$60,000 mark. There are approximately 80 graduate students currently enrolled in the Masters of Science degree in Ap-

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days the students competed against schools across the nation using a variety of math skills.

The first day consisted of math problems fitted to their curriculum. The students were exposed to math problems in several different forms. Money, higher algebra and geometry were just a few examples. On the second day, students participated in 60-second rounds to complete as many problems as they could.

“Our kids are taught the numeric keypad starting in the second grade,” said Cornell. “Some of these kids can fly . . . some were answering 70 questions in 60 seconds.”

The students enjoyed the competitive opportunity.

“I liked it a lot,” said seventh-grader Lucas Jasinski, son of University president John Jasinski. “It helped us build our math learning and have fun with it.”

In the end, the school was first in the state and the seventh graders were the champions. In the seventh-grade class, Sabrina Olson took first in the state individually and 45th in the state overall.

“I was surprised, actually,” Ol-

plied Computer Science program at Northwest and approximately 200 undergraduates enrolled as computer science/information systems majors. About 100 students have minors in various programs the department offers.

Unfortunately, the enrollment rate for computer science majors in the United States is not very high compared to other majors. The large enrollments of the previous years have decreased to the point that current computer science graduates frequently have multiple job opportunities.

Dr. Phil Heeler, CSIS department chairperson, said Northwest is fortunate enough to have strong connections with potential employers who seek Northwest graduates for their jobs.

“The world constantly needs more technology, and computer science majors are in a unique position to help meet this need,” Heeler said. “This includes software de-

son said about her success. “It was my first time doing it.

Olson described the competition as fun because it was “kind of like a game, but it was math.”

“I pretty much stayed in the lab. I did it right after lunch and during dinner,” she said. “I stayed up until 10 p.m. one night so I could get the most possible points. It was fun.”

Patrick Baker took second, Peter Kempf third and Zach Patton fourth.

During the challenge, leaderboards were shown on the website, allowing schools to keep track of their progress against others. As their school name climbed higher and higher, the students became more excited.

“I felt pretty good about it,” Jasinski said. “It was pretty exciting for our class to see how far we could go.”

After the challenge was over, the school knew they had placed first, and the seventh-grade class knew they were first in the school, but the individual awards were not presented until later. Winners will be announced on the Mathletics website Nov. 2.

mains unclear, but McDaniel offered a general idea of the reconstruction.

“We would like to see, of course, (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, new concrete sidewalks, decorative light posts, benches, trash receptacles,” McDaniel said. “So just a continuation of the downtown look and feel into the University.”

McDaniel said five companies responded to the request for qualifications that the city put out for interest in engineering and designing the project.

“Right now there is a committee put together that is reviewing those proposals, and hopefully, we’ll have something for council to consider on Nov. 12,” McDaniel said.

With project designs still being discussed, McDaniel said there is still no date set for kicking off

velopment, hardware development and user training. All of these are possible with a computer science major from Northwest.”

Christopher Parker, a senior majoring in interactive digital media – computer science, said every business needs tech people nowadays, and the tech field is growing, not shrinking. Websites are also becoming prominent components of the business world.

“I like programming and building websites and the challenges that it presents,” Parker said. “I like what I am doing very much. It is a good mix of creativity and logic; I love it.”

It is important to note that all degrees saw an increase in pay with the increase of work experience. Students wondering if an advanced degree will make a difference in their earnings or if it is worth the extra money, should keep in mind employers sometimes pay for their employees to further their education.

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so her caring so much pushed me to do that much better.”

Students and faculty alike remember how much Weiss loved to watch the Decorah Eagles on a live webcam website in her office and in the classroom.

“There are eagles, in Iowa I believe, and every class we would check on the eagles, so when I found out she passed away, I went and checked on the eagles. That is something that definitely reminds me of her,” Fritts said.

Weiss was a friend to everyone and has left a lasting impression on the lives of Northwest faculty and staff who knew her, said Fritts.

“I don’t know how you can express the sincere loss. We were saddened when she retired this summer, and we were just floored when we found out she had gone to the hospital,” Shepherd said. “We miss her and are very sad for her family and her husband, Barry.”

“Right now there is a committee put together that is reviewing those proposals, and hopefully, we’ll have something for council to consider on Nov. 12.”

Greg McDaniel

the renovation.

“We would like to get this started as soon as possible, even next year” McDaniel said. “But it’s going to be determined by funding.”

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 14
Ryan E. Kuhnert, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with fighting in public, failure to comply and resisting arrest at the 300 block of North Market.

Colby J. Pankau, 26, Maryville, Mo., was charged with fighting in public at the 300 block of North Market.

Jason K. Auffert, 19, Parnell, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of South Newton.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 400 block of North Main.

An accident occurred between Nicole M. Belgarde, 36, Maryville, Mo., and Jessica C. Kunkel, 20, Maryville, Mo., at South Market and East Thompson.

Oct. 15
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Oct. 16
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1200 block of East Second Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 100 block of Lincoln Terrace.

An accident occurred between Randi S. Jackson, 21, Maryville, Mo., and Eldon C. Maxwell, 22, Maryville, Mo., at the 1100 block of South Main.

Oct. 18
Lucas E. Davidson, 19, Maysville,

Mo., was charged with a minor in possession at the 600 block of North Buchanan.

An accident occurred between Craig J. Osekiwski Jr., 24, Orlando, Fla., and Eugene F. Pierson Jr., 40, Maryville, Mo., at the 700 block of South Main. An accident occurred between Kendra L. Hamilton, 19, Gentry, Mo., and Steven E. Smyser, 32, Maryville, Mo. at the 1100 block of South Main.

An accident occurred between Jessica R. Christie, 23, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 500 block of East Seventh Street.

Oct. 19
Stephen A. Wood, 22, Gallatin, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated at the 600 block of South Main.

An accident occurred between Audrey B. Dredge, 19, Maryville, Mo., an a unknown driver at West 19th and North Walnut.

Oct. 20
There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 2000 block of South Main.

Rudy P. Rodriguez, 20, Coon Rapids, Iowa, was charged with minor in possession and given false information to a public safety officer.

Marissa A. Nedeau, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and equipment violation at the 1300 block of North Country Club Road.

Molly A. Astarita, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1300 block of North Country Club Road.

Samantha D. Turley, 18, Greenwood, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 1300 block of North Country Club Road.

Katlyn J. Smelcer, 19, Gladstone, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 1300 block of North Country Club Road.

Jeremy M. Butler, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and indecent exposure at the 600 block of North Buchanan.

Zachary C. Sherry, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest at the 300 block of West Fifth Street.

John W. Peterson, 21, Omaha, Neb., was charged with indecent exposure at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

Oct. 21
There is an ongoing investigation of stealing animals at the 300 block of South Main.

Alexander M. Bruckner, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 700 block of West Lincoln.

Christian J. Phelps, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 700 block of West Lincoln.

Jorgegio M. Neal, 22, Clarinda, Iowa, was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at 300 block of West Sixth Street.

Brandon T. Badami, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and indecent exposure at the 200 block of East Fifth Street.

Conor T.L. Middleton, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of East Fifth Street.

Firearm accessories were recovered at the 400 block of North Laura.

Frederick A. Patton, 24, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while license is revoked at the 1800 block of North Main.

An accident occurred between Christopher L. Mullins, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Jesse N. Wisneski, 16, Maryville, Mo. at West First and North Mulberry.

Oct. 22
Jardon L. Hatch, 36, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while license is suspended at U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Business Highway 71.

Oct. 23
There was a report of a mutual aid fire at the 400 block of East Roseberry

Oct. 24
There was a report of an industrial fire at the 2000 block of East First Street.

An accident occurred between Lina M. Bowers, 58, Mission, Kan. and Corey B. Hager, 31, Maryville, Mo. at U.S. Highway 71 and 286th Street.

Oct. 25
Martin R. Tieman, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and having an open container in a vehicle at the 300 block of North Buchanan.

Thomas J. Stephens, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Buchanan.

An accident occurred between Lori A. Tally, 33, Maitland, Mo., and Larry J. Baumli, 58, Skidmore, Mo. at West Edwards and South Main. Tally was also cited for failure to yield.

Oct. 26
An accident occurred between Madison R. Jones, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Dominic E. Geniuk, 20, Kearney, Mo., at the 1500 block of North Main.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Sheila Mark, Columbus, Neb., at the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

Oct. 27
Jamar M. Mullins, 19, St. Louis, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

Oct. 28
Blake T. Downs, 20, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By Donna S Levin

Across

1 They sit at stands

5 Check out with nefarious intent

9 Gyneco-'s opposite

14 Really cruel guy

15 ABA member

16 Man-trap

17 Grievously wound

18 Approach

19 Thirteenth Amendment beneficiary

20 Game with a windmill, usually

23 "___ takers?"

24 Big shots

25 Requiring an adult escort

28 Big London attraction?

29 Handy set

30 Former despot Amin

31 Uncle Remus rogue

36 Big butte

37 Bootcut Skinny brand

38 PC interconnection

39 Like proofed dough

40 Dueler's choice

41 Insect honored on a 1999 U.S. postage stamp

43 Make a booboo

44 ___ Lingus

45 Article in Der Spiegel

46 Not at all out of the question

48 "Shucks!"

50 Friend of François

53 Literally meaning "driving enjoyment," slogan once used by the maker of the ends of 20-, 31- and 41-Across

56 Popular household fish

58 Princess with an earmuff-like hair style

59 Lose color

Down

1 "I, Claudius" feature

2 Piano teacher's command

3 Like pickle juice

4 Big rig

5 Ensenada bar

6 Devoured

7 Headlines

8 Rochester's love

9 Categorize

10 Nabisco cookie brand

11 Most in need of insulation

12 Gun

13 Individual

21 Declares

22 Spunk

26 Four-wheeled flop

27 Title name in Mellencamp's "little ditty"

28 Runny fromage

29 Powerful pair of checkers

31 Run, as colors

32 Copy, for short

33 Eternally

34 Get fuzzy

35 Prohibition

36 Appearance

39 Run the country

41 Antelope playmate

42 Language of S Asia

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54 "Impaler" of Romanian history

55 Sci-fi staples

56 Rucker Nugent

57 Night before

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Easy

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Answers for the Oct 25 issue.

Medium

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Medium

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5	1	2	3	4	6	9	7	8
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (11/01/12). Financial gain is likely this year, especially until next June, when an educational opportunity may tempt. The winter solstice heralds a spiritual awakening. Three out of six eclipses this coming year are in your sign: It's your year to shine.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Your work's impressive and is building your reputation. A partner offers excellent support now so take a much-needed break. Love strikes someone at work for a lovely moment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Be patient with a loved one who's hard to understand. Continue generating income. Celebrate later with delicious treats. It'll be easier to make household changes soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Use the emotional undercurrent to feed your art. Romance is as close as your own backyard. An older, somewhat eccentric person can help. Learning with friends grows the love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Make a highly motivated promise. Pick up a nice gift for a loved one ... it's a good time to express your feelings. Animal magnetism plays a part.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're stuck on someone, big time. Your intuition is right on. Play the ace you've been holding. Organize accordingly, and stash away any surplus. Contemplate your future.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Listen carefully. Despite temporary confusion, there's a happy ending. Consider everything, but stay practical. You can afford it now. Listen to your friends. Love sparks fly!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- There's more work coming in, and everything falls into place. Gather and store important papers. Friends help you make a connection ... the more the merrier. Upgrade home technology.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- You're quite attractive now. Love hits when you least expect it. You can travel easily now. Keep your objective clear, and call if you'll be late. You have support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You find just the right antique for the job. Think about what's best for your family. Let them speak their minds. Attend a social event together. Heed romantic urges.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Good news comes from far away. A loved one provides valuable information. You look good. Dig deeper. A fascinating romantic moment allows freedom to share. Communicate priorities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Friends act as mediators. Discover the treasure you've been seeking. Draw upon hidden resources, and think of more ways to save. Don't spend the money before you get it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Romance burst onto the scene. Accept constructive criticism, and reaffirm a commitment. A female helps organize.

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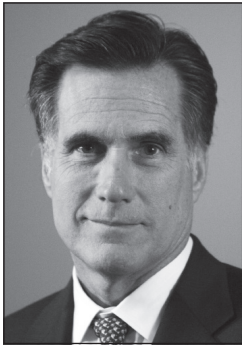
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National Candidates



BARACK OBAMA

President



MITT ROMNEY

Education: President Obama has a plan to make higher education affordable for more students across the nation. Obama’s plan includes doubling funding for Pell Grants and establishing college tax credits, according to his campaign website. The Obama administration has also fought to make student loans easier to repay. The administration also understands the importance of elementary and high school education, and they fight to keep good teachers in the classroom. Obama has also worked to raise standards in all public schools with his Race to the Top initiative, which rewards innovation and positive reform in schools.

Health Care: President Obama’s claim to fame for the history books comes back to the 2010 signing of the Affordable Care Act. His vision of the future is one with a strong health-care system for future generations. The Affordable Care Act ends in-

surance company abuse by holding them more accountable; it strengthens Medicare, and more importantly for students, it keeps young people on their parents’ health insurance plans until they are 26 years old.

Foreign Policy: President Obama made promises that we would begin bringing home troops from Afghanistan and Iraq and responsibly end both wars while transferring security responsibilities to the Afghan and Iraqi people. During Obama’s term he has executed attacks that have severely weakened al-Qaida, including the death of Osama bin Laden. The Obama administration has been critical of the number of countries with nuclear weapon capabilities; Obama announced an international effort to secure vulnerable nuclear materials in four years. Obama’s ultimate goal is to restore America’s standing around the world by working cooperatively with other countries.

Education: Mitt Romney says he will put education reform high on a list of priorities for his presidency. He plans on making alternatives for students stuck in bad schools. He wants to make the schools more transparent and hold them accountable by giving them a grade for parents to choose. Part of his plan also requires students to bring funding with them to new schools so that the school can afford to serve them. His goal for affordable higher education is to simplify the financial aid system, welcome private sector participation and remove burdensome regulations on schools.

Health care: Governor Romney’s plan for our nation’s health-care future is much different from President Obama’s. On his first days in office, Romney has said he will work toward repealing “Obamacare” on a federal level and allow states to create a reform plan that works for their citizens. The Romney plan is to give incentives to states

to allow them to experiment with health care. He plans on promoting free markets, fair competition in the health-care system and empowering consumer choice.

Foreign Policy: Mitt Romney’s plan for our future foreign endeavors begins with a strong military. With a restoration of the cuts made by President Obama, Romney hopes to bankroll our military and allow for increased production of naval ships and military vehicles. Romney agrees with the idea of 4 percent of our gross domestic product being dedicated to national defense. Romney has opposed the withdrawal from both Iraq and Afghanistan. In his first days in office, Romney plans to analyze the situation in Afghanistan and decide draw-down strategies based on interagency input with an end goal of eliminating al-Qaida. He also plans on using the role of president to establish a lasting relationship with Iraq, pushing back on growing Iranian influence.



CLAIRE MCCASKILL

Senate



TODD AKIN

Education: Claire McCaskill has a proven track record when it comes to doing what is right for education in the United States. She has voted to prevent federally-backed student loan interest rates from doubling and removed Wall Street middlemen from the student loan business, allowing the government to provide loans to more students. Sen. McCaskill also helped pass the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2007, which increased the value of Pell Grants and made them more available to low-income students. Not only is Sen. McCaskill concerned about higher education, she has also supported the Keep our Educators Working Act, which offered funding to avoid teacher layoffs in all levels of education. Sen. McCaskill has also fought for K-12 education with legislation. McCaskill has been a strong supporter of education and recognizes the need for education for our nation’s future.

Jobs and Economy: McCaskill has also been a strong supporter of small businesses. She reached across the aisle to work on legislation that made it easier for startup businesses to raise money from investors and create jobs. She

was behind legislation that secured billions of dollars to rebuild and repair American roads and bridges, the construction projects created jobs across the country, including within Missouri. She also voted for the Small Business Jobs Act, which supported small businesses by offering easier access to capital, delivered more than \$12 billion in lending to support to small businesses, provided tax relief so businesses could invest and create jobs, and it created a fund for community banks to lend to small businesses. McCaskill understands the need for small businesses in our economy

Government Spending: Sen. McCaskill has a record of fighting against earmarks. Her time in office allowed her to convince Senate leadership to temporarily ban earmarks for four years straight. She also introduced bipartisan legislation that would permanently ban earmarks in Washington D.C. Sen. McCaskill has been a self-proclaimed crusader against government spending, introducing bills to cap federal spending and impose caps on discretionary spending. McCaskill has also never requested a single earmark during her time in the Senate, a feat not accomplished by many within the United States Senate.

Education: Todd Akin has often said that education should be left to parents, teachers and taxpayers in local communities and not up to the federal government. Akin has stood against other Missouri Republicans in 2001, in a strong show of bipartisanship when he voted against No Child Left Behind. He believed the government was overstepping its bounds when it came to the education of our youth. He preferred to keep the job of educating in the hands of those who knew what was best. Akin has also said that he stands for getting Washington bureaucracy out of the school system and wants to allow decisions to be made by those who work with students. Akin plans to cut out the red tape that has occurred with federal involvement in education.

Jobs and Economy: Rep. Akin has joined his Republican colleagues in passing more than 26 bipartisan job-related bills in the House of Representatives. The bills included legislation that would require congressional approval of all new major regulations, prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating dust on

farms, free up capital for small businesses and promote the exploration of domestic energy. These bills were a step toward creating certainty in the business environment, according to Akin’s campaign website. Akin supports the repeal of the Dodd-Frank Act that placed restrictions on the banking industry after the 2008 collapse of the financial sector. He believes they hinder growth in that sector of our economy.

Government Spending: Akin shares many of the same sentiments toward government spending as Sen. McCaskill. Both believe that the government is spending beyond its means and the spending needs to end. He points out the fact that, if a business, government would be bankrupt. Akin prefers the balanced budget approach to solving our fiscal problems, co-sponsoring a bill that would balance the budget. The cut, cap and balance approach, which Akin also has adamantly supported would cut the debt by reducing our spending outlays, cap the debt ceiling and balance the federal budget. He opposed the \$787 billion stimulus plan and believes spending only makes our economy worse.



SAM GRAVES

House



KYLE YARBER

Agriculture: Rep. Sam Graves knows agriculture and his plan for Missouri is centered on it. His family operates a corn and soy farm in Northwest Missouri. Graves understands the difficulty in running a farming operation, yet knows that the American agricultural sector is one of the best in the world. He has supported numerous pieces of legislation designed to help farmers compete in global markets, maintain their world-beating levels of productivity and recover from natural disasters at a quick pace for farmers. Graves believes in the integrity of the American farmers. Their importance in the world economy is vital to our success as a state and nation. He makes agriculture a top priority when he is in Washington.

Jobs & Economy: Graves’ website stresses that the United States government does not create jobs, it is the regulations and taxes that hinder job creation. As chairman of the House Small Business Committee, he has made job creation a top priority. Graves believes that removing uncertainty in tax increases and regulations is the key to ending the reces-

sion and beginning the recovery of our economy. With 70 percent of all new jobs coming from small businesses across the nation, it is imperative to create an atmosphere that is capable of supporting businesses that are starting out. Graves believes that Washington should be cutting taxes and limiting harmful regulations to allow the small businesses to thrive.

Fiscal Discipline: Graves proudly claims to be among the few House members who have not voted for bailouts, government takeovers or stimulus bills passed in the 111th Congress. Graves, a fiscal conservative, believes that the problem does not lie in low taxes, but rather it is in the fact that the government spends too much. He believes in a balanced budget approach to containing our debt, similar to how the states are required to balance their budgets. Graves goes to Washington to work hard toward fiscal discipline and rein in out-of-control spending. Graves approves of a more streamlined tax code and is co-sponsoring the Fair-Tax, a national sales tax to replace the current system.

Agriculture: Kyle Yarber has a strategy to make the sixth district of Missouri a better place for everyone. Yarber, with five generations of Missouri farmers in his ancestry, understands the importance across northern Missouri for a strong voice in government for agriculture. He understands the need to help niche producers connect with the markets around the world to sell their crops, to be on the cutting edge of agricultural research and the increasing age of the farming population in the Midwest. He proposes we find ways to do more with less and reduce detrimental impacts on the soil and water. He also expresses concern in finding ways to help the young people who want to get into farming but have trouble starting out.

Jobs & Economy: Yarber also focuses on small businesses as a way to build northern Missouri’s economy in this rough economic times. He understands the need to spend locally in small businesses and keep the money within communities. The loss of any jobs in an industry, no matter how small, is a

hit to everyone in the community. Yarber plans to take his knowledge of small business to Washington and be a voice for the small businesses all across the sixth district and urge consumers to invest in local businesses. The power of the dollar is stronger within a community than when it is spent at a large corporate store.

Education: Yarber, a high school teacher, knows first hand, the importance of education. He is against the cuts that have been recently been taken from education budgets. Certain government programs have undermined every teachers’ abilities to effectively teach in the classroom, putting them at the mercy of staff cuts and salary cuts. Despite their importance, teachers have to justify pensions and union bargaining rights that many have enjoyed for years. Yarber is against the attacks that face public education and teachers in public schools because they are the cornerstone of our society. He also believes that it is imperative to make higher education more accessible and affordable to all Americans.

Missouri Candidates

Governor

Lieutenant Governor



JAY NIXON

Jobs & Economy:
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Education:
The Nixon administration has been a strong supporter of both higher education and K-12 education. They have expanded the A+ program that allows students two years of free tuition at Missouri's community colleges. The program has increased by 30 percent, according to his website. Gov. Nixon has also created incentives for high school students who excel in advanced math and science courses and he supported scholarship programs. He has expanded college savings opportunities with legislation to extend and reduce barriers to the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program.



DAVE SPENCE

Jobs & Economy:
GOP nominee Dave Spence has differing plans to create jobs in Missouri. Spence plans on improving the executive branch by appointing state agency heads with proven private sector success. He also has plans to recruit a team of top Missouri executives with no financial interest in state business to make recommendations for better practices and restructuring. Spence's goals are to move businesses from survival mode to a model that is thriving. He has plans to maximize agricultural exports, increasing tourism and making Missouri a transportation infrastructure leader.

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Education:
Spence has guidelines to fix our education system. No Child Left Behind has set back education by making teachers work rather than teach; Spence's website claims he will eliminate this busy work for teachers. He has plans to reward and retain the best teachers in the state. Spence also wants to grow the presence of trade schools and community colleges, so students have other options besides four-year colleges. His plans also include more options for students to have opportunities in K-12 education, including public charter schools.

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SUSAN MONTEE

Senior Citizens:
Democrat Susan Montee served as Missouri State Auditor from 2007-2011. During her four years as auditor, Montee initiated multiple reports that worked to identify and correct shortcomings in the Department of Health and Senior Services. She believes low-income senior citizens should not be forced to decide between affording medication and other life necessities.

Veterans:
Montee, who comes from a military family, also spent some of her time as auditor uncovering fraud and misuse of veteran funds. Montee's campaign states that she will work to support and maintain the state's veteran homes and cemeteries and help current and former members of the armed forces find employment.



PETER KINDER

Senior Citizens:
Peter Kinder, the Republican incumbent sponsored and helped pass the Elderly Protection Act in 2003, which increased penalties in elder abuse crimes. He also played a role in crafting the Missouri Senior Rx plan that provides prescription coverage to seniors with financial instability.

Veterans:
Kinder helped pass the Missouri Military Relief Fund in 2005. This measure benefits family members of the Missouri National Guard and Reserve who are called to serve active duty. Kinder toured Missouri Veterans Homes in July 2011 and worked with lawmakers to ensure funding for the seven locations around the state.

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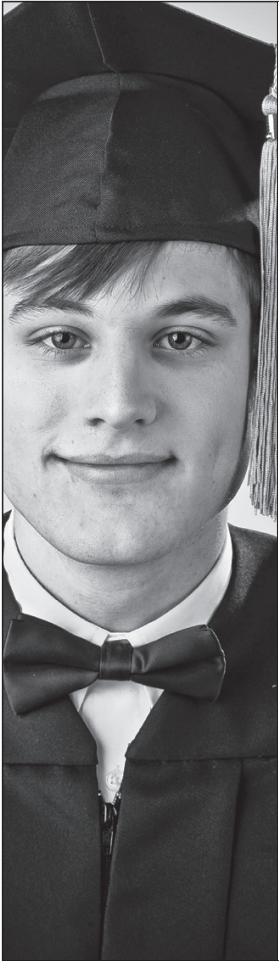
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11	12	13	14 SAC Lunch 11:00 a.m. Union	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29 SAC Hangar Night	30	31



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The Speaking Bearcats Forensics and Debate Team performs a mock debate Monday at Tower View Dining Room in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Each group debated for opposing presidential canidddates and discussed this election's political issues.

CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Ballot issues await voter decision

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When Missourians go to the polls Nov. 6, they will not only vote on new representatives but on state issues as well.

Missourians will vote on four ballot measures next week, according to the Missouri Secretary of State's website. Amendment 3 would grant the governor the power to appoint four members to the Appellate Judicial Commission. Proposition A would require all municipal police forces to be controlled by a local governing body. Proposition B would increase the tax on tobacco. Proposition E prohibits the creation of a health insurance exchange unless created by a legislature or initiative.

Amendment 3

Amendment 3 would allow the Missouri governor to appoint four of the seven members to the Appellate Judicial Commission. The governor can currently appoint three members

to the commission. It also removes the requirement that the governor's appointees not be lawyers.

If passed, this would have no financial impact for taxpayers or the state, according to the Secretary of State's website.

Proposition A

Proposition A would allow any city not within a county the option of transferring control of the city's police force from a government appointed board to the local governing body. This proposition will largely affect St. Louis, where the police force is overseen by a governor-appointed board.

There is an estimated \$500,000 in annual savings by the state government and \$3.5 million on the local level with no impact on taxes if Proposition A is passed. However, the Secretary of State's website states that consolidation decisions could lead to savings being more or less than estimated.

Proposition B

Proposition B, if enacted, would create the Health and Education Trust Fund. The fund will use revenue generated from a tax on tobacco products. The tax will take .0365 cents per cigarette, 25 percent of manufacturer's invoice price for roll-your-own tobacco products and 15 percent for other tobacco products.

The revenue generated from the tax will go to programs to reduce and prevent tobacco use and for elementary, secondary and higher education. The tax is estimated to bring in \$283 million to \$423 million annually.

Proposition E

If enacted, Proposition E prohibits the governor or any state agency from creating a health insurance exchange without the approval of a legislature or state voters. If this is passed, it will not increase taxes, and there are no costs or savings expected at this time. If this is passed and the governor enforces it, there could be costs.



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Billy Kerns purchases a pack of cigarettes at Casey's General Store Wednesday. Missouri's cigarette tax could increase if Proposition B is passed.

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VOTING BALLOT

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According to the Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan’s website.



1. In order to vote, citizens will need to present one form of valid personal identification. A driver’s license, passport or a copy of a current utility bill are a few acceptable options to bring.



2. Voters are required to vote at their assigned polling place. Missouri voters can find their designated polling place by entering some basic information at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/pollingplacelookup/>. Polling places are open from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.



3. Pencils and official ballots will be available at polling areas. Voters must completely darken in the oval(s) next to their choice.



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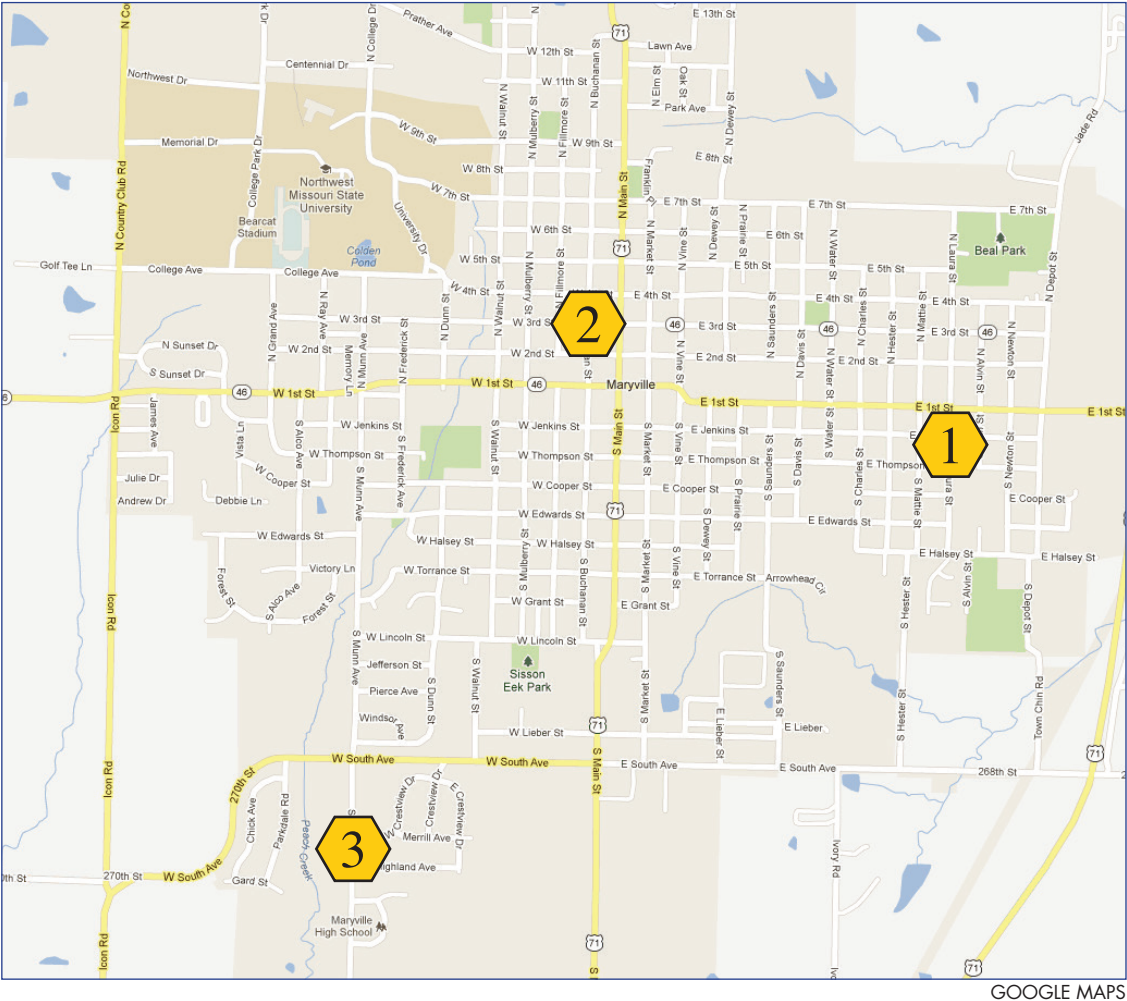


5. Voters who are in favor of any question on the ballot should completely fill in the oval reading “YES,” those opposed should completely fill in the oval reading “NO.”



6. Any voters who tear, deface or wrongfully mark their ballots must return their ballot to the election judges and ask for a new ballot.

POLLING LOCATIONS MAP



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	2	201 W. THIRD ST.
	3	1429 S. MUNN AVE.

Nodaway County Election Canidates

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- Darren White - Democrat (Incumbent)
- Michael Galbraith - Republican

Public Administrator

- Diane Thomsen - Democrat (Incumbent)
- W. Lewis Rice - Republican

North District Commissioner

- Bob Westfall - Republican (Incumbent)
- David Smith - Democrat

South District Commissioner

- Ron Wilson - Republican
- Bob Stiens - Democrat (Incumbent)

Unopposed Positions

- Assessor - Rex L. Wallace - Demorat
- Treasurer - Marylyn K. Jenkins - Democrat
- Coroner - Vincent L. Shelby - Republican
- Surveyor - Troy Hayes - Democrat
- District 4 State Representative - Mike Thompson - Republican
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CAMPUS TALK

How confident are you in finding a career within your major?



“I am actually pretty confident about finding a career in my major. Accountants are needed everywhere, and Northwest provides opportunities. ”

Elizabeth Beers
Senior
Public Accounting

“The education program here is really good. I feel like they really prepared me for my future as a teacher.”

Katie Sutton
Senior
Elementary Education

“I am semi confident. I feel like I am going to get my Ph.D., but I do not know how many jobs are in the psych field.”

Natalie Yocum
Sophomore
Psychology and Gender Studies

“I am pretty confident because I am dealing with technology, and I will have some internships on my resume, making me more marketable.”

Zach Ewing
Junior
Information Systems

“I am pretty confident. From what I heard, it will probably be easy to find a job with a psychology degree. ”

Zeke Winkler
Sophomore
Psychology

Elected officials refuse to cross aisle



It seems like ages ago that Todd Akin made his infamous “legitimate rape” comment that would drag his campaign down for months to come. It did not take long for him to stick his foot back in his mouth when he compared his opponent, Sen. Claire McCaskill, to a dog and said she was not lady-like.

His comments on rape gave us a disturbing insight into the true thoughts of many Republican legislators. Many Republican contenders in both Senate and House races across the country align in their views on abortion.

Deb Fischer, Nebraska GOP Senate candidate, has said she is against abortion in all instances,

with no exceptions. Recently, Richard Mourdock, a Republican running for Indiana’s vacant Senate seat, said that pregnancy from rape was “something God intended.”

Both Akin and Mourdock were immediately scrutinized for their comments, while Fischer has slipped by unnoticed. These three are not the only extremists within the Republican Party. With the party being held hostage by the Tea Party movement, the number has risen to well over 15 candidates who are passionately against any exceptions to abortion.

These exceptions range from the life of the mother to instances of rape. Most pro-life politicians do make exceptions when it comes to serious instances.

The rise of the extremist Tea Party has changed the face of the GOP in a drastic way. The days of a moderate Republican are long gone as the party of Ronald Rea-

gan polarizes to the far right. Colin Powell, a retired four-star general and former secretary of state under George W. Bush, came out recently in support of President Obama. Powell, a self-proclaimed moderate Republican has caused uproar within the party.

It is this extreme push to the far right that has caused the problems we are facing as a nation. The inability to reach across party lines or to take into accounts the mother’s life when it comes to abortion exceptions has resulted in a hyper partisan government that cannot work for the greater good of the U.S.

As the election comes up, the perceived Republican extremism will hurt GOP candidates in many suburban districts outside of the South. To make our government work, we need politicians who will work across the aisle and stay open-minded to other opinions.

OUR VIEW:
Coaches held to normal standards

In the world of Division-II athletics, specifically coaching, things look a lot different than what people see on ESPN from professional sports organizations or even Division-I universities.

Coaches at these smaller schools do not make millions of dollars or sign guaranteed contracts; instead, they are on shorter deals but still have every move criticized. An NFL head coach makes millions of guaranteed dollars, can get fired a year into a deal and know he has a job waiting for him somewhere.

However, while “The Missourian” staff recognizes these hardships and has the utmost respect for coaches at Northwest and around Division-II, we believe this is the way things should be.

Being a coach of a college athletic team has to be treated just like any other job. If you or your team underperforms, the school you work for simply cannot afford to continue paying your salary.

Athletic Director Wren Baker, the man behind the decisions on coaches at Northwest, made the point that he also has a job to do that he is being evaluated on. If he chooses to keep coaches who are underperforming, it could be his job that is lost.

Athletic programs bring in a large sum of money for universities and their students, so if a program is losing consistently, it is also losing money for the school.

Budgets and budget cuts have been and will be around for a while. It is a hot-button issue for schools. If a prominent sports team begins to lose games, and, in turn, loses a chunk of money it was previously bringing in, schools cannot keep a coach because of off-the-field qualities.

Again, our staff understands the work that our coaches here at Northwest do, and we wish the best of luck to them and all our athletic programs.

Vote now before you lose your voice in government



With a historic election upon us, both Democrats and Republicans are doing anything they can to shift the momentum in their favor. Democrats are using Mitt Romney’s 47 percent comments to add to their effort in painting him as an out-of-touch millionaire who has little concern for average Americans.

The GOP on the other hand is using the tragedy that occurred in Libya as a political tool, saying Obama did not take proper measures to prevent it. When similar tactics did not work, Republicans decided to take the fight against one of our basic rights as Americans: our right to vote.

Back in March, Pennsylvania made headlines for passing a new law forcing people to show a government-issued photo ID to be allowed to vote. Soon many states followed this trend, trying to combat the rampant problem of in-person voter fraud.

There are two points to be made here. The first point being that not everyone has access to a government-issued ID. These include racial minorities, who are less likely than their white counterparts to have such identification. In Pennsylvania hundreds of thousands of young, minority voters could be disenfranchised by this law.

Elderly voters could also be

kicked to the curb because many of them no longer drive and can not prove their citizenship. That means some of our grandparents who have voted in every election for decades will be turned away on Election Day.

The Republicans pushing these laws deny any claims of disenfranchisement on their end, despite the fact that most people who do not have photo ID’s happen to be groups that overwhelmingly vote Democratic every election. Instead, the GOP says its motivation for passing these laws is to combat voter fraud.

That statement is a complete joke when you take a look at the history of fraud in elections over the past decade or so. The fact is any type of election fraud is extremely rare, and in-person voter fraud is virtually nonexistent.

In the 2000 election, among the 600 million votes cast, there were only 2,068 cases of alleged election fraud, according to a study by News21. Of those 2,068 there were only 633 cases of actual voter fraud. The number of cases of in-person voter impersonation, the only type of fraud that would be prevented by photo ID laws, was a whopping 10. That is not 10 million or even 10,000, that is 10 whole cases of alleged in-person voter fraud.

Thankfully, in recent weeks many of these laws have been at least suspended for the 2012 election, and higher courts have struck many of them down. However, if we do not continue to point out and fight this attack on the 15th amendment, these laws might creep up again in the coming elections.

Most important civic duty comes Nov. 6



We are being bombarded from every direction about making sure we are registered to vote and voting in the election Nov. 6. You have heard it from Student Senate, Young Democrats, College Republicans, Political Science Club and even a few times from “The Northwest Missourian.” But this is it.

The election is finally on us. We have the chance to vote for candidates across all levels of government. The presidential race has dominated the public, taking over both television and radio airwaves. In Maryville the races come all the way down to Nodaway County sheriff.

The chance to vote is a right that is guaranteed by the United States Constitution, but it is quickly becoming a privilege as many states are enforcing stricter and stricter rules on voting, targeting college students and the elderly.

The most important thing you can do this election cycle is be informed on all the candidates. You should know everything about the candidates you are voting for. There are plenty of nonpartisan news sources that outline which issues



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A unidentified voter checks her ballot to cast her vote during the fourth day of early voting in Miami on Tuesday, Oct. 30, one week before Election Day.

each candidate supports.

It is not just elected officials on the ballot. In many states, including Missouri, there are ballot measures and constitutional amendments that can be voted on as well. The main issue in Missouri is the cigarette tax increase.

When the election is said and done, the ads will stop, the phone calls will stop and the campaigning will stop. Despite the frustration of election season, it is incredibly important. The candidates we vote into

office directly impact our lives with the policies they put into place.

The power to control government is in our hands this election. I urge you all to pay attention when you see political ads or listen to candidates if they come to campus and speak. Attend a meeting of a political organization on campus. They range from the College Republicans to the Young Democrats for partisan politics to the Political Science Club for a nonpartisan look at the political system.

CORRECTIONS:
U.S. Bank pays for student’s tuition over one year

In the Oct. 18 issue of “The Northwest Missourian,” there were mistakes in a story about U.S. Bank’s drawing for three free credit hours.

In the story, The Missourian wrote this, “She was later told by U.S. Bank that she would not have to pay tuition this year.” The drawing was not for a full year’s tuition to Northwest, but only three credit

hours for the year.

Melissa Shelton, Maryville’s U.S. Bank manager also stressed concerns that she was misquoted in the story.

We at “The Missourian” apologize for misleading our readers and doing a disservice to our sources. We will work harder to maintain our credibility.

International students recognized for Homecoming

In “The Northwest Missourian’s” 2012 Homecoming guide, printed with the Oct. 25 issue of “The Missourian,” there was a mistake in the story regarding Northwest’s annual flag-raising ceremony during Homecoming.

In the story, “The Missourian” printed that Steve Bryant, director of intercultural affairs would give a

speech along with President John Jasinski. This is not true, Bryant will not be speaking along with President Jasinski.

The flag-raising ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza. We at “The Missourian” apologize to our readers for our mistake and the false information provided.

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THE STROLLER:
Your Man picks Romney for president

Hey! If you have not heard yet, it is election time! For those of you living under a rock, President Obama is facing off against rival Willard “Mittens” Romney. In a first of its kind endorsement, Your Man is ready to get behind a candidate.

Your man endorses Willard “Wool Mittens” (R)money for president of the United States. A strong, courageous leader, Mittens is capable of turning our struggling economy around and saving us from the evil forces living in enclosed compounds on Sesame Street.

How could you not trust your life, liberty and security with a man that keeps binders full of women? We all remember President Clinton’s binder full of women.

And what about his magic underwear? That was the deal-breaker for me. Who else could lead our

nation with the passion and drive of Gov. Romney without the use of magic underwear? Those undergarments are going to save this country someday.

Some of his critics may say he is a flip-flopper on important issues like the Middle East or abortion; I say flip-flop away! I need a leader who is indecisive on how we deal with Iran and who is even more indecisive on the rights of women.

Now that I think about it, a Romney/Ryan administration would be great for any comic-book fan that enjoys zombies. The problem with President Obama is that he cares too much about our health and well-being. He set up Obama-care to put us on the path to being a zombie-free society, minus a few bath-salt nut jobs.

A Romney/Ryan administration would immediately repeal the

only defense we have from being infested by the flesh-eating walking dead. In my opinion that would be a dream come true. Think of it, a dystopian world, ruled loosely by a scaled-back Republican government, devoid of any social programs, education system and health care, taken over by a zombie horde.

In summary, a vote for “Fingerless Mittens” Romney is a vote for America’s future. America’s dark, zombie-filled future. A vote for (R)money is a vote to set women’s rights back a couple of decades. In all honesty, why do they need rights anyway? I know whom I am voting for this election, and I hope you join me on Nov. 6. We can do this together!

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WHAT’S
HOT

2012 Presidential Election

With less than a week until the 2012 election, campus and community members are gearing up and picking sides on all the hot issues.

NBA

The NBA season kicked off this week, making fans young and old excited for another season of hoops.

Spoofhound Football

The MHS football team is rolling through the playoffs, making another run toward a state title.

Ben Gibbard releases poor effort

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Death Cab For Cutie’s Benjamin Gibbard gave fans an overall mediocre debut solo effort with the release “Former Lives.” The record lacks major creativity with musical flow and is dull, both musically and lyrically, from front to back.

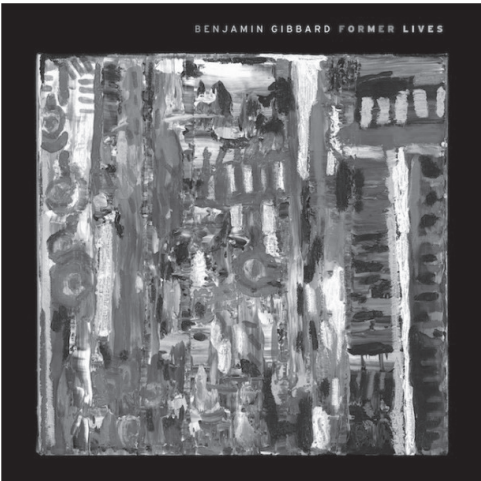
On first listen, most will be able to tell that Gibbard is attempting to cash in on the folk-rock uproar that has taken place within American popular music in recent months. There is a lack of emotion and power in the tracks, something rarely ever missing from his full-time gig.

For example, the fifth track on the record, “Lily,” is an effort that could be slipped directly onto the next Bon Iver record, and many would not catch the differences. From musical progression, such as the light guitar strums, to vocal delivery, it lacks any

creative notion. The listener should expect more from an artist associated with such a large act.

The record also lacks any specific musical direction throughout its duration. The dull track, “Something’s Rattling (Cowpoke),” is a song that the artist could not decide how to deliver. During one section of the song there is a Spanish-influenced horn cheering a simple, upbeat melody that seconds later cuts to a slow and dreary vocal pattern from Gibbard, which is evidence of a poorly constructed effort on the songwriter’s part.

“Former Lives” shows fans that Gibbard is just a face in the crowd without his Death Cab For Cutie counterparts. He is an artist that has not yet found the right sound outside of his full-time act. It is a record that can easily be forgotten in an overpopulated scene of folk-rock solo acts.



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ARTIST: Benjamin Gibbard

ALBUM: Former Lives

RELEASE DATE: 10.16.12

RECORD LABEL: Barsuk Records

RATING: .5/5

Billboard Hot 100
Songs

1. Maroon 5-“One More Night”
2. Psy-“Gangnam Style”
3. fun.-“Some Nights”
4. Taylor Swift-“We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together”
5. Ke\$ha-“Die Young”

Billboard Top 200

1. Jason Aldean-“Night Train”
2. Mumford & Sons-“Babel”
3. Brandy-“Two Eleven”
4. Scotty McCreery-“Christmas with Scotty McCreery”
5. Jamey Johnson-“Living For A Song: A Tribute to Hank Cochran”

In Theaters This
Week:

“Flight”
(Drama)
Director: Robert Zemeckis
Starring: Denzel Washington, Kelly Reilly

“The Man With the Iron Fists”
(Action/Adventure)
Director: RZA
Starring: Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu

“Wreck-It Ralph”
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TRADE

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fastest growing fan base in the league and one of its biggest stars. They went to the Finals last year, which added a ton of money in playoff tickets.

Worst case scenario, if they go into this season without a long-term deal with Harden, the season is played out, Oklahoma City at least goes to the Western Conference Finals, pulls in a load of money and Harden becomes a restricted free agent.

Now, Oklahoma City loses any edge it had on L.A., possibly becomes the third best team in the West, rather than first or second, and loses a fan favorite.

That's right, a fan favorite on a team that already has Durant.

And no, Kevin Martin and Jeremy Lamb are not worth what Harden is.

Martin is an inefficient scoring guard who won't mesh with Durant and Westbrook. What made Harden special, what made the Thunder special, was the fact that Durant and Westbrook could leave the game at the same time with no compromise of scoring.

Harden is a guy who can create an open shot. Martin is a spot-up shooter. Maybe a guy who can come off a screen or two, at best.

Lamb is a young talent who essentially will be the eighth man for Scott Brooks but is not a major piece for a team that should have

been contending.

Royals fans, picture Kansas City making a World Series in the future, only to turnaround and trade Eric Hosmer, although he still has another year left on his deal.

The objective of a professional sports franchise is to win championships (or should be.) To mortgage a possible championship season to avoid spending some extra money (which you have) is ridiculous and undermines every bit of sports culture we have.

It makes me sick to my stomach to watch these teams worry more about five years down the road rather than gunning for titles now, while the opportunity is ripe.

Five years ago, we saw the NBA owners become the most free-spending group sports has ever seen, with teams signing moderate players to deals that were much richer than the talent of the players themselves.

With the new CBA, things are going in the opposite direction for a few teams.

Rather than taking a chance on signing Harden, making at least one last run for a championship before possibly losing Harden to free agency, Oklahoma City took the "safe" route.

Presti deprived some of the youngest and most loyal fans in the NBA of a shot at title contention.

He took one of the most exciting shooting guards in the league away from them.

SPOOFHOUNDS ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND IN DISTRICT PLAYOFFS



HANNAH JURGESEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior running back Payton Mizera scoots into the endzone during the Spoofhounds' 66-8 victory over Lincoln Prep.

CAROUSEL

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head volleyball coach Amy Phelps said. "You just have to settle in and take it a day at a time."

Phelps is in her first head coaching gig after years of serving as an assistant. After former coach Jessica Rinehart relocated to be closer to her family, Phelps was named interim head coach.

The uncertainty of her future presents another difficult element of coaching.

"All you can do is control the controllables," Phelps said. "You can't think about those kind of things when you're accountable for 18 players. My focus is on what I can do to better my team and let everything else fall into place."

Bettering a team on and off the field can be seen as an ultimate goal for a coach. Yet when a coach finds continued success, favorable circumstances begin to unfold.

And this is where the coaching carousel begins.

"From a career standpoint, you want to go to the highest level and compete against the best," Kellogg said.

said. "If that opportunity presents itself, that means you did a great job in your past stop. It means you left the job better than you found it, and you can take great pride in that."

For a coach, there is rarely a day off. It is not a nine-to-five job, and Sundays are not spent relaxing.

Because of its exhausting tenure, a coach must exude a genuine passion for the game.

"I coach because I love basketball; I'm as competitive as can be," Kellogg said. "I get those butterflies before every game. When I lose that feeling, that's when I know it's time to quit coaching."

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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Emporia State.....	8-1	8-1
Mo. Western.....	8-1	7-1
NORTHWEST.....	8-1	7-1
Washburn.....	7-2	7-2
Pitt. State.....	6-2	6-2
Lindenwood.....	6-3	5-3
Central Mo.....	5-4	5-4
Mo. Southern.....	5-4	4-4
Truman.....	4-5	3-5
Fort Hays.....	4-5	3-5
Central Oklahoma.....	4-5	2-6
Northeastern State.....	2-6	2-6
Nebraska-Kearney.....	2-7	2-7
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-8	1-8
Southwest Baptist.....	1-8	1-8

November 3:

Washburn at Mo. Western
Emporia St. at NORTHWEST
Lindenwood at Pitt. State
Central Mo. at Fort Hays
Truman at Mo. Southern

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	10-0	7-0
Savannah.....	9-1	6-1
Lafayette.....	8-2	5-2
Smithville.....	7-3	4-3
LeBlond.....	6-4	3-4
Chillicothe.....	4-7	2-5
Cameron.....	2-8	1-6
Benton.....	1-9	0-7

District Tournament:

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NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Nebraska-Kearney.....	27-2	13-1
Washburn.....	26-1	12-1
Central Mo.....	20-4	12-1
Truman.....	24-4	12-2
NORTHWEST.....	14-12	8-6
Central Oklahoma.....	12-14	7-7
Emporia State.....	16-9	6-6
Fort Hays.....	23-11	7-8
Lindenwood.....	14-14	4-10
Mo. Western.....	13-14	4-10
Pitt. State.....	12-12	3-9
Southwest Baptist.....	8-21	1-14
Mo. Southern.....	0-26	0-14

November 2:

Emporia St. at Central Okla.
Washburn at Pitt. State
Mo. Southern at Truman
Mo. Western at Central Mo.

November 3:

NORTHWEST at Kearney

MHS VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
LeBlond.....	35-1-2	7-0
MARYVILLE.....	13-4	8-1
Smithville.....	10-7-2	5-2
Savannah.....	12-9-1	6-4
Benton.....	12-11	7-6
Chillicothe.....	8-10-1	3-7
Cameron.....	12-15-1	1-6
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Football scrapping in districts

DALTON VITT

Online Editor | @DTrain_KC

The Maryville football team made it out of the first round of the district championship Oct. 26 with ease.

The Spoofhounds defeated opening opponent Lincoln College Preparatory Academy by a final score of 66-8.

The 'Hounds advanced to take on Northeast (Kansas City) Wednesday night.

Results for the game were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourinews.com to find out how Maryville did.

Head coach Matt Webb said the unique atmosphere of playing on Halloween will add excitement to the game, but the team is still focused on the task at hand.

"The most excitement, though, is that this is the next round," Webb said. "When you start a tournament of 64 teams and now you're down to 32, and you wanna survive and cut that in half again and knock that down to 16. So that's more of the excitement."

"We're definitely excited about playin' at home. We worked hard to get that home-field advantage for district play. That's what we wanted to accomplish, and it's fun to play at home."

Northeast sat at 6-3 entering Wednesday's contest, but only defeated Lincoln Prep 14-6.

Webb said the record North-

east brings in does not matter, but that the Vikings are a tough team from a tough conference.

Following a Friday win and having to turn around and play on a Wednesday, the Spoofhounds faced an unfamiliar situation as far as preparation.

They used the weekend to keep the amount of practice time the same as usual.

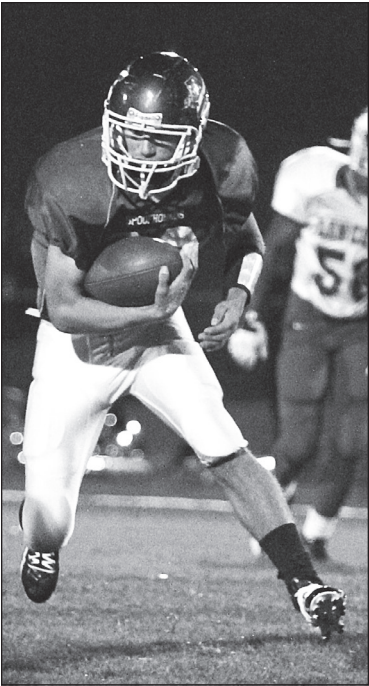
Webb said the opening playoff win against Lincoln Prep added to the experience the Spoofhound team already has.

"This community and this program have won playoff games in the past," Webb said. "They draw from experiences. But, you want to start it off on the right foot and go on in postseason play, and you wanna continue to keep playing. So that was definitely a big win last week."

The playoff-opening, blow-out victory against Lincoln forced Webb to sit his starters in the second quarter, something the 'Hounds had to do most of the year.

Webb said he is not concerned with starters getting valuable playoff time because the team has other worries.

"We wanna survive and move on," Webb said. "We wanna win the game. We've been able to play all different types of games this year ... We've grown from our experiences. Any game in the playoffs could be close, it just depends



H. JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior running back Derek Stiens hits a hole against Lincoln Prep in the 66-8 playoff-opening win over Lincoln Prep.

how the game plays out." If the Spoofhounds advanced following Wednesday's game, they will take on the winner of Cameron and St. Pius X. Maryville defeated both teams in the regular season. That game would take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at the 'Hound Pound.

Soccer ends season on loss in district playoffs

CRAIG SIMS

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

The Maryville boys soccer team concluded its season Tuesday night at Chillicothe in the district tournament.

Facing the No. 1 seed Bishop-LeBlond, the No. 4 Spoofhounds were unable to stop the Golden Eagles in the semifinal matchup, losing 5-1.

This is the third time this season that LeBlond came away with the upper hand against Maryville.

Senior defender Jeremy Troshynski scored the 'Hounds' lone goal off a penalty kick in the 77th minute.

Junior goalkeeper Ethan Calfee recorded 10 saves in the loss. Head coach Stuart Collins said his team struggled defensively in the second half, not covering the field very well.

"LeBlond had some quality ticket-chance goals, where they took shots and had a good reaction of things when the ball went

in the goal," Collins said. "The boys played really individually hard, just couldn't get things to go together as a team."

LeBlond moves on to face the winner between Chillicothe and St. Pius X.

With a record of 9-16, the 'Hounds lose seven seniors; forward Lane Hermelink, defender Dakota Luke, midfielder Zach Miller, midfielder Ryan James, Troshynski, defender Der-

ek Luke and defender Andrew Wiederholt.

Key seniors for the 'Hounds next year will be Calfee, Jacob Katison, Mason Shafer, Michael Filipis and Austin Barmann.

Collins said he expects the junior class to have the ability to step up and be the form they build around for next season.

"I can't say enough about how hard the team worked and the appreciation I have for them showing up to practice, making sure everybody's accountable and taking care of business," Collins said.

"The boys play really individually hard, just couldn't get things together as a team."

Stuart Collins

Volleyball eliminated in upset by No. 2 seed Savannah

CRAIG SIMS

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

With one last loss to Savannah, the Maryville volleyball season came to an end.

Head coach Lori Klaus said her team's season can not be measured just by wins and losses, but by improvements it made throughout the year.

"Just from the beginning of the summer when we started going to camp, all the way to the end, there was just a huge improvement," Klaus said. "Not just with every girl, but with team chemistry. It was a very successful season for our girls on every level."

Klaus said next year's team should be able to carry over some of the success the team saw from this season.

"They worked hard and got

better. I've got a lot of juniors coming back, and they got a little taste of that success. I think next year they are gonna want to go one step further, winning the district title."

The No. 1 'Hounds lost in the class three district 16 championship game to No. 2 Savannah, losing both matches in close fashion, 25-21.

Klaus said her team had the same game plan coming into the game against their conference rival.

"Sometimes if you play really hard, you're gonna win the game," Klaus said. "We knew playing Savannah, they were really good defensively. We won a lot of games with defense this year, but we had to put the ball where they weren't, and we just weren't able to do that."

"I think we played hard," Klaus said. "We didn't have a lot of un-

forced errors, but we just didn't execute our game plan. We knew their defense, where we should hit the ball, and we just did not do that very often."

Senior libero Jessa Stiens led Maryville in the loss with 14 digs and one kill.

Junior right hitter Chelsea Byland finished with 11 digs, four kills and one ace.

Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble added nine digs, eight kills and one ace in the loss.

Finishing with a record of 23-6-3, Maryville will lose three senior varsity players: outside hitter Sara Knowles, libero Jessa Stiens and setter Alyssa Stiens.

Jessa has been the team's starting libero for the past three seasons.

Alyssa has started at setter for the past two seasons.

Knowles played three seasons as outside hitter at the varsity level.

"All three of them have been a huge part of our program and will be greatly missed," Klaus said.

With six varsity players (all juniors) who will return for their senior season, Klaus knows that her team has a strong core coming back that will be ready to earn that district championship.

Next season's seniors will feature Byland, Kimble, Gabby Church, Kristen Shipps, Anny Van de Ven and Lindsey Suchan.

"There were so many juniors sitting in the locker room after we lost the district championship saying 'this feels awful; we don't want to be here next year; we want to go farther in districts'. So hopefully that will just fuel the fire for next season."



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble smacks the ball to the Fairfax side during Maryville's victory Oct. 15.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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Bearcat Defense



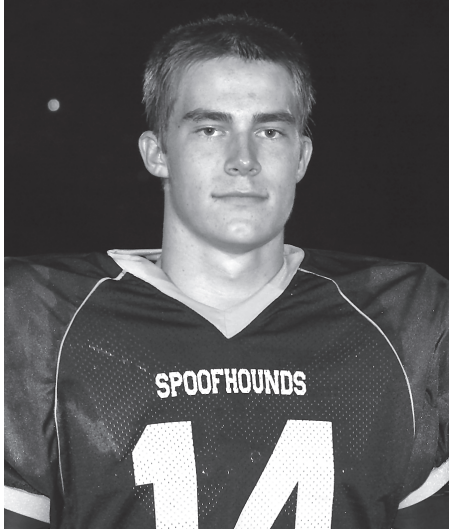
The Northwest defense has been especially strong all season, but no more so than against Washburn, when six different players reeled in an interception each.

Shelby Duren



Freshman outside hitter Shelby Duren led the Bearcat volleyball team to a 3-0 victory over Missouri Southern with 17 digs, 12 kills and four assists.

Jonathan Baker



Senior quarterback Jonathan Baker threw three touchdowns on just five passes in the playoff-opening victory for the Spoofhounds against Lincoln College Preparatory Academy.

Aubrey Kimble



Junior outside hitter Aubrey Kimble ended the final game of the year with nine kills, eight digs and one ace. The Spoofhounds lost to Savannah in the district championship.

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Volleyball scraps for higher seed

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With just four games left until the MIAA Tournament, head volleyball coach Amy Phelps understands the importance of finishing the season strong.

The 'Cats have begun to do just that after getting three straight wins against Missouri Western, Lindenwood and most recently, Missouri Southern last Saturday.

Phelps attributed depth, among other things, to the recent wins the team has come away with.

"I think it's the even flow of a season and trying to find your footing again," Phelps said. "We have patched up some areas we struggled with at the beginning of the year. We just did a good job against Missouri Western and Lindenwood to put together a product with some different people on the court who produced a win for us.

"I feel like that attributes back to what we have been getting done in practice," Phelps said. "People have been working hard, and I've rewarded them with some playing time. I think it's helped us grow as a team."

Riding a three-game winning streak after dropping six games in a row can certainly help the Bearcats' chances coming into a week that sees Northwest facing Central

Missouri, Nebraska-Kearney and Southwest Baptist, all in a one-week span.

Northwest played Central Missouri Wednesday at home, but results were unavailable as of press time.

Phelps said that against Nebraska-Kearney and Southwest Baptist, her team has to step up to the competition with confidence.

"We do have a little bit of a tough schedule ahead," Phelps said. "If we play well, I feel like we can take a match away from one of those top teams. It would be an upset obviously, but I think we are ready to do something like that, especially late in the season."

Saturday's game against Nebraska-Kearney starts at 4 p.m. at Kearney, Neb.

Tuesday's game against Southwest Baptist is slated for 7 p.m. at Bolivar.

With the regular season near its end, the Bearcats (14-13, 8-6 MIAA) are fifth in the MIAA, where the top eight teams get a chance to move on to the playoffs.

The highest Northwest could finish is fourth, by jumping Truman in the standings.

"Because we are a younger team, the longer that we have to play together, I think the more magic



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman outside hitter Shelby Duren serves against Missouri Western. The Bearcats defeated the Griffons 3-0.

you're going to see as far as us just really gelling."

Soccer falls in MIAA tourney to end year

JOEY TUCKER
Chief Reporter | @joetuck325

The season came to an end for the Northwest women's soccer team Tuesday.

The Bearcats fell in the first round of the MIAA Tournament to Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Okla.

Trailing 2-0 late in the second half, sophomore Beth Walde netted a goal in the 56th minute. The assist came from junior forward Victoria Von Mende following a corner kick from junior midfielder Anna Calgaard.

The 'Cats failed to score the equalizer, finishing the season with a record of 8-7-3 and 6-4-2 in MIAA play.

Head coach Tracy Hoza did not emphasize this loss over any other throughout the up-and-down-season.

"Every loss is a big loss," Hoza said. "Had we won some games down the stretch, we would not have put ourselves in this position. It's not a matter

of when you lose it; instead, it comes down to not losing in the first place."

A young Northwest roster gained valuable experience, losing just two seniors from this year's team. Hoza looks to return a cohesive group next season.

"We know how we work together and what we need to do to be better," Hoza said. "We know we can be a very good team and what it takes to be successful. We need to keep getting stronger and stronger and play a complete game."

One of the seniors Northwest will lose was a key contributor during her career.

Midfielder Amanda bundrant was a two-time All-MIAA honorable mention performer. Bundrant recorded 16 career goals.

Goalkeeper Shaylynn Durham transferred from Bellevue University, logging 41 minutes and recording six saves this season behind sophomore Kelsey Adams, the starting keeper.

Cross country heads to regional finals

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Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Bearcat cross country team will run in the regional cross country championships Saturday for a chance to represent Northwest in the NCAA Cross Country Championships later this month.

The regional race consists of the MIAA, the Northern Sun Conference and the Great American Conference.

Head coach Scott Lorek said the pressure of a meet like this can distract athletes.

"I think we need to be more relaxed and be able to focus more on what we are doing," Lorek said. "We got a little bit distracted with pressure at the conference meet. I think we are learning from that mistake, and I think we're going to be okay."

Lorek looks to have a better overall race from everyone at the regional

championships.

"It's nice to be at the point where you can finish fifth at the conference meet and be unhappy," Lorek said. "We were planning on better. I think the regional is an opportunity for us to do that."

According to Lorek, the end of the season is the most important time of year for a cross country runner.

"This is it," Lorek said. "The last two meets of the year are the two biggest ones. They are the ones you are shooting for. You train for these races, and you want to peak during this time of year."

Lorek said the regional meet is filled with teams that are very tough.

"The Northern Sun Conference has Augustana on the women's side, the defending national champions," Lorek said. "The Augustana men are very good as well. Of course, we got

all of our own conference teams to worry about as well."

The Bearcats will need great races from all seven runners in both races in order to do well.

"I expect all seven to run well," Lorek said. "We didn't quite have that at the conference meet. I think that, this weekend, we are actually going to put that together."

Lorek said thinking about the NCAA Championships would only distract the team.

"We are trying not even to think about that," Lorek said. "If we take care of us and run the races that we are capable of, we are going to be in the mix. We want to go through and run our best races, and we're not going to think about the results."

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Athletic Director Wren Baker makes the final decisions for the hiring and firing of coaches in the Northwest athletic department.

COACHING CAROUSEL

Athletic department, coaches face multiple tough decisions

JOEY TUCKER
Chief Reporter | @joetuck325

Coaches are looked up to as teachers, counselors and mentors, anointing them as celebrated figures in life. Yet when things go wrong on the field or the court, coaches are often the first ones under scrutiny.

This and many other elements make coaching an arduous task. From the first day a coach arrives here on campus, they are being evaluated under a wide scope.

When hiring a new women's basketball coach this past season, athletic director Wren Baker weighed an array of options.

"You have to find the right fit for where you're wanting the program to go," Baker said. "You start to develop a profile for a particular job. We want to be sure coaches are committed to being successful in competition on the field and in the classroom."

Which led Baker to appoint Mark Kellogg to the job as head coach.

Kellogg led the Fort Lewis College women's team to a national championship appearance in 2010. That same year he also led them to the highest team GPA for any college, at any level, in the nation.

This success left Kellogg with the difficult decision to uproot his family from Durango, Colo. and leave his old team behind to seek a new opportunity in the college ranks.

"One of the worst things I've ever had to do is go to the Fort Lewis basketball team and tell them I was resigning as their basketball coach," Kellogg said. "But the

most difficult part was having to move my family and my kids away from all the friends they had made. When you make a decision like that, it's bigger than you. You weigh every option and look to better your family. My wife and I decided there were better opportunities here at Northwest."

These opportunities include a higher salary, more funding and additional assistant coaches.

However, compared to Division-I coaches, Division-II coaches make a modest salary. When the difficult decision to fire a coach arrives, it can carry a heavy burden.

There are neither guaranteed contracts nor compensations at the Division-II level. When a coach is let go, unemployment starts immediately.

"It's never easy to have to let a coach go, but at the end of the day, I'm being evaluated as well and have a job to do," Baker said. "It's my responsibility to give student-athletes the best chance to be successful."

At the end of the day, Baker looks at a bevy of resources when assessing a coach.

Aside from wins and losses, coaches are evaluated on graduation rates, rules compliance and being an educator in areas other than athletics. This can include drug and alcohol counseling or raising the awareness of the dangers of gambling.

In other words, coaches shoulder a great deal of responsibility.

"When you get your first head coaching job, there are a lot of things you're not prepared for,"

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Homecoming brings big opportunity for Bearcats

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With just two weeks left in the regular season, the No. 4 Northwest football team sits in a good position heading into Homecoming weekend.

The Bearcats are in a prime spot to control their own destiny in an effort to win an MIAA crown and are at No. 4 in the Super Region 3 rankings.

The Emporia State Hornets, No. 20 in the country at 8-1 coming off a 57-28 loss at Missouri Western, come into Maryville for the 'Cats first home game in over a month.

The Hornets have arguably the best quarterback in the MIAA in senior Tyler Eckenrode. Eckenrode will have to deal with a Northwest secondary which leads the conference in interceptions with 21.

Senior safety Nate DeJong said although the Bearcat defense has played well, there is still a bit of concern with Eckenrode.

"He's a great quarterback," DeJong said. "They sling that ball around quite a bit, and he does a pretty good job at it. We just really gotta focus on having a good week at practice and see what we can do on Saturday."

The most dangerous weapon Eckenrode has is senior wide receiver Shjuan Richardson, according to DeJong. Richardson has 70 catches on the year for 1,111 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Head coach Adam Dorrel said the defense can match up well with Emporia's receivers.

"The big thing is that guys do their responsibilities, and I think sometimes that gets downplayed

a little bit in all this," Dorrel said. "I feel on defense right now we've got 11 guys doing their job, doing their one-eleventh. It all translates into not giving up big plays. It all translates into being able to do some more zone because you can get pressure with four guys."

DeJong said the Northwest secondary will have to be disciplined to deal with Richardson's speed and athleticism.

The 'Cats have used senior running back Jordan Simmons extensively in multiple roles on offense.

Simmons is second on the team with 103 total offensive touches, 63 rushing attempts and 40 receptions.

Dorrel said that trend will continue for Simmons and the Bearcat offensive attack.

"Jordan has got a very special skill set that you don't see a lot at this level, and he allows you to move people around," Dorrel said. "The other thing is when you run him on the field, you're potentially in a two-tailback set, and you can potentially cause some problems there for defenses ... It's just giving us a lot of flexibility right now."

Northwest is coming off a 56-6 victory on the road against formerly No. 16 Washburn. The Bearcats picked off six passes en route to the blowout finish, with DeJong snagging his team-leading fifth.

"I think we just came out and tried to play hard," DeJong said. "We always come out and try to play hard every week. We had some stuff go our way and just had a really good day."

The Homecoming game against Emporia is the MIAA TV Game of the Week and will begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Maryville.



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Senior wide receiver John Hinchey scores against Washburn Oct. 27. The Bearcats walked away with a 56-6 victory over the formerly No. 16 Ichabods.

Harden trade ruins one of best stories in pro basketball



Well that didn't last long.

I wrote a column last week, as I'm sure you remember, about how excited I was for the NBA season, how great the Thunder would be and how they would make the NBA Finals for the second straight season behind Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and James Harden.

All that is over now. Oklahoma City traded away Harden, the best sixth man in the league and the glue to a roster with the best chemistry the NBA has seen since the 2007 Spurs.

Thunder general manager Sam Presti made the move after he failed to sign Harden to a long-term deal with the deadline, Oct. 31, approaching quickly.

One thing is clear to me: Harden didn't want to leave Oklahoma City. He didn't ask out so he could be a star somewhere else. He simply wanted to be paid what he was worth, and Presti didn't buck up and dole out the cash.

Agreeing to Harden's not-so-demanding terms would have likely put Oklahoma City into the luxury tax, which is even more brutal under the new collective bargaining agreement than it was under the old one.

The thing is, Presti could have afforded it. The Thunder have the

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